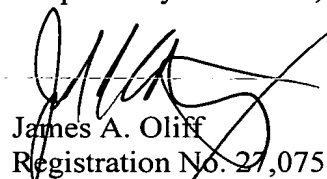


REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 6-15 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and typographical errors. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

6. (Amended) Actuator according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~, claim 1, wherein the extenric gear wheel (24) is rotatably supported with respect to the excentric hub (23) by means of a rolling element bearing (30).
7. (Amended) Actuator according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~, claim 1, wherein the motor (2) is an electric motor, the stator (6) of which is connected to the housing (1).
8. (Amended) Actuator according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~, claim 1, wherein the gear reduction mechanism (4) is at the end of the screw mechanism (3) opposite the end thereof engaging an actuating means (38) for a brake pad (39).
9. (Amended) Actuator according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~, claim 1, wherein the screw (16) of the screw mechanism (3) is rotatably supported by means of a support bearing (11) with respect to a central support shaft (13), the gear ring (23) and the gear wheel (24) of the reduction gear mechanism (4) surrounding said central support shaft (13).
10. (Amended) Actuator according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~, claim 1, wherein the screw (16) has a bore (35) containing a lubricant reservoir (36).
11. (Amended) Actuator according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~, claim 1, wherein the gear reduction mechanism (4) and a positive back-drive mechanism (37) are contained in a gear reduction module (40).
12. (Amended) Actuator according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~, claim 1, wherein the gear reduction module (40) comprises a central support shaft (13) for supporting the screw mechanism (3).
13. (Amended) Actuator according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~, claim 1, wherein the screw mechanism (3), a support bearing (11) for supporting the screw mechanism (3), the

rotor (7) of the motor (2) as well as a bearing (9) for supporting the rotor (7) on the screw mechanism (3) are contained in a actuator module (41).

14. (Amended) Actuator according to ~~any of the preceding claims, claim 1~~, wherein the housing (1), the stator (6) and electric connections for the motor (2) are contained in a housing module (42).

15. (Amended) Brake caliper, comprising a claw piece with at least two brakes, and an actuator according to ~~any of the preceding claims, claim 1~~.

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